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# Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development,[4] the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),[5] the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[6] and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,[7]

*Recalling also* the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,[8]

*Recalling further* its resolution 69/213 of 19 December 2014 on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development,

*Taking note* of the Ashgabat Declaration,[9] adopted at the High-level International Conference on the Role of Transit Transport Corridors in Ensuring

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.
[2] Ibid., annex II.
[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.
[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.
[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.
[6] Resolution 66/288, annex.
[7] Resolution 70/1.
[8] Resolution 69/313, annex.
[9] A/68/991, annex.

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International Cooperation, Stability and Sustainable Development, held in Ashgabat on 3 and 4 September 2014 in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the International Road Transport Union,

*Recalling* its resolutions 55/215 of 21 December 2000, 56/76 of 11 December 2001, 58/129 of 19 December 2003, 60/215 of 22 December 2005, 62/211 of 19 December 2007, 64/223 of 21 December 2009, 66/223 of 22 December 2011 and 68/234 of 20 September 2013 on enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 57/309 of 22 May 2003, 58/9 of 5 November 2003, 58/289 of 14 April 2004, 60/5 of 26 October 2005, 62/244 of 31 March 2008, 64/255 of 2 March 2010, 66/260 of 19 April 2012 and 68/269 of 10 April 2014 on improving global road safety, and the need to develop plans to improve road safety along international road transit corridors in line with the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020,

*Noting* the establishment of the Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport,

*Recognizing* the important role of environmentally sound, safe, efficient, reliable and affordable multimodal transport and transit corridors for the efficient movement of goods and people in supporting sustainable economic growth, improving the social welfare of people and enhancing international cooperation and trade among countries,

*Emphasizing* the need to harmonize and improve transport and border-crossing infrastructure and facilities and services along the international transport and transit corridors,

*Noting* the importance of United Nations Development Account projects focused on developing broader transport corridors, which are being implemented by the five United Nations regional commissions, and identifying the physical and institutional infrastructure requirements that would be needed to make them operational,

*Recognizing* the importance of addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries, inter alia, by establishing and promoting efficient transit transport systems that link them to international markets, and in this regard reaffirming that the Vienna Declaration and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024[10] constitute a fundamental framework for genuine partnerships between landlocked and transit developing countries and their development partners at the national, bilateral, subregional, regional and global levels,

*Noting* the launch of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport on 26 September 2015, and recognizing in this regard the mission and objectives that this Partnership pursues as a business- and industry-led, action-oriented, multi-stakeholder initiative involving all modes of transport,

*Recognizing* the need for continued cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and existing partnerships on sustainable transport issues, in

[10] Resolution 69/137, annexes I and II.

particular the Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport, the Partnership on Sustainable Low-Carbon Transport and the Group of Friends on Sustainable Transport,

*Emphasizing* the vital role of multimodal transport and transit corridors in overcoming operational bottlenecks in situations of complex humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters by maintaining food supply chains to restore food security and nutrition, establish or rebuild livelihoods, reduce risk and enable people, communities and countries, especially in conflict-affected regions, to meet their own food and nutrition needs,

*Highlighting* the role of international roads and railways, intermodal logistics centres and dry ports, global logistics and supply chains, the integration of transport modes, appropriate technologies and the maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure in promoting seamless international transit transport,

*Underlining* the importance of the cooperation among all modes of transport to create and maintain sustainable supply chains, especially in developing countries, in order to improve access to markets and the reliability of supply, enhance diversification and value addition, improve the competitiveness of commodities, strengthen the market chain, improve market structures, broaden the export base and ensure the effective participation of all stakeholders,

*Recognizing* the need to connect the economies of the small island developing States to the network of global supply chains by integrating them into existing and emerging multimodal transport and transit corridors,

*Recognizing also* the importance of transport and transit corridors for facilitating transport linkages on domestic routes and promoting urban-rural connectivity in order to boost economic growth at the local and regional levels, promote interconnections between cities, peoples and resources and facilitate intraregional and interregional trade,

1. *Recognizes* the need for continued international cooperation to address the issues relating to transport and transit corridors as an important element of sustainable development;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development,[11] containing the views and recommendations of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations and entities of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, on issues relating to the development of transport and transit corridors;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to promote effective international cooperation on sustainable transport issues, and in this regard encourages further efforts, as appropriate, to strengthen the coordination of the work of the United Nations system on issues relating to transportation;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Secretary-General to convene at the end of 2016 a global sustainable transport conference;

[11] A/70/262.

5. *Notes with appreciation* the formation of the Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport, and looks forward to the launch of a global transport outlook report, which will provide a global message and recommendations on sustainable transport, including on innovative policy and multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable transport;

6. *Welcomes* the second High-level Global Conference on Road Safety, to be held in Brasilia on 18 and 19 November 2015, to review progress in implementing the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020 and in meeting the goal of the Decade of Action;

7. *Underlines* that international transport corridors should be identified, designed and implemented, keeping in mind the competitive advantages of each mode of transport and addressing infrastructure needs, the regulatory and institutional framework for the services that those corridors provide, the promotion of social dialogue, safety and health in the workplace and gender balance in the workforce;

8. *Welcomes* the efforts of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, other international, regional and subregional organizations, in particular the World Bank, the regional development banks, the World Customs Organization, the World Trade Organization, the International Road Transport Union, the International Union of Railways and the International Transport Forum, within their respective mandates, to develop and operationalize international and regional transport and transit corridors;

9. *Calls for* efforts to promote regional economic integration and cooperation, including by improving cross-border transportation infrastructure, enhancing regional connectivity and facilitating regional trade and investment;

10. *Calls upon* Member States and international and regional organizations to further encourage enhanced networking and periodic consultation among related stakeholders involved in the development and operation of international transport and transit corridors;

11. *Invites* all States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying or acceding to the United Nations conventions and agreements on transport and transit facilitation;

12. *Underscores* the need to mobilize, as appropriate, additional financial resources for the development of transport infrastructure and services, including through the promotion of public-private partnerships, so as to achieve inclusive and sustainable development;

13. *Encourages* the United Nations system organizations and other international organizations, relevant international financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors and the private sector to further coordinate their efforts and collaborate in mobilizing financial and technical assistance to countries for the sustainable and inclusive development of transport and transit corridors.